

**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**  
**Office of the City Manager**  
**Letter to Commission No. 023-2005**



**To:** Mayor David Dermer and  
Members of the City Commission

**Date:** January 31, 2005

**From:** Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

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**Subject: Miami Dade County Library Branch Relocations**

On December 6, 2004, the new Regional Library facility located at 245 22<sup>nd</sup> Street was officially turned over to the Miami-Dade County Library System. Following shortly thereafter, on December 28, 2004, the new 5,000 square foot space for the South Shore Branch Library, located in the Courts at South Beach, at 131 Alton Road, received its Certificate of Occupancy (CO) and was turned over to the Library System during the first week of January, 2005.

The Library System has advised that the target date to open the new Regional Library is March 1, 2005. A grand opening event is being planned for the beginning of April, which will provide adequate time to address any operational related issues typically associated with the opening of a new library facility. Books and reference materials from the old facility at 2100 Collins Avenue, will be packaged and transferred to the new facility during the middle of February.

Plans for the South Shore Branch Library call for the existing location at 225 Washington Avenue, to close its doors on February 5, 2005 and to remain closed for two weeks. It will reopen at its new location in the Courts at South Beach on February 22, 2005. It should be noted that the new facility is triple in size from the existing location and will feature a new children's area, an expanded book collection and additional computer terminals. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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